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SUBJ: SENEGAL RECOGNIZES PRG

1. IN WEEKLY POST CABINET MEETING PRESS CONFERENCE SENEGAL'S MINISTER OF INFORMATION ANNOUNCED ON JULY 4 HIS GOVERNMENT'S RECOGNITION OF THE PRG. HE ADDED THAT THIS RECOGNITION WOULD NOT REQUIRE THE DEPARTURE FROM DAKAR OF THE DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION OF THE GVN, AND THAT IN ANY CASE SENEGAL HAD ACTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE PARIS ACCORDS WHICH RECOGNIZED TWO DISTINCT ENTITIES FOR SOUTH VIETNAM. THEREFORE THERE WAS NOTHING TO PREVENT DUAL DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION FROM THIS STILL DIVIDED COUNTRY.

2. THE GVN RESIDENT CHARGE, PHAM TRONG NHAN, IS DUE TO DEPART MOMENTARILY FOR HIS NEW POST IN ANKARA, AND IN FACT GAVE HIS FAREWELL PARTY THE NIGHT OF JULY 4. THERE HE WILL BE IN CHARGE, WHILE THE CURRENT GVN AMBASSADOR TO TURKEY IS DUE TO BECOME THE FIRST RESIDENT GVN AMBASSADOR IN DAKAR SINCE THE DEPARTURE OF NGUYEN QUI THOAI IN MAY 1972.

3. NHAN HAD SOME DIFFICULTY OBTAINING AGREEMENT FOR THE NEW GVN

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AMBASSADOR, APPARENTLY RESULTING FROM THE LOSS BY THE FOREIGN

MINISTRY OF THE AGREEMENT REQUEST FOR NEARLY A MONTH AND A HALF, A SOMEWHAT INCREDIBLE BUT NOT NECESSARILY UNLIKELY PERFORMANCE IN AN AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTRY. NHAN, AT LEAST, WAS CONVINCED THAT THE QTE LOSS UNQTE WAS GENUINE AND UNINTENTIONAL, AND THE AGREEMENT WAS

IN FACT GRANTED RECENTLY. WE DO NOT HAVE AN ARRIVAL DATE FOR THE NEW AMBASSADOR BUT WOULD EXPECT IT TO BE SOON. WE HOPE THAT HE WILL BEAT THE PRG REPRESENTATIVE, WHO MAY BE WAITING CLOSELY IN THE WINGS.

4. COMMENT: WONDER IF SENEGAL HAS BEEN THE FIRST RELATIVELY MODERATE AFRICAN COUNTRY TO RECOGNIZE THE PRG. THIS MAY BE LINKED TO SENEGAL'S MAJOR EFFORTS IN BEHALF SIHANOUK, OR IT MAY JUST BE ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF SENGHOR'S PENCHANT FOR THE DIALOG AND THE RECOGNITION OF BOTH HALVES OF DIVIDED COUNTRIES. PROBLEM WITH THE LATTER IS THAT THIS MAKES THREE VIETNAMS RECOGNIZED BY SENEGAL, WHICH MAY BE SOMETHING OF A MODERN RECORD.
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